



Winchester Public Schools

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TO: Parents and Guardians of Elementary School Students

FROM: William McAlduff, Superintendent of Schools

RE: Call for Parent Volunteers to Serve on Redistricting Committee

As many of you know the plan to construct a new Vinson-Owen Elementary School is well underway. As a matter of fact, demolition of the old school will be commencing at the end of the month with construction for the new school scheduled to begin in February 2012. The new school is scheduled to open in September 2013.

The construction of a bigger VO School means that an additional six classrooms will be available at VO in 2013. In addition, the School Department's Central Offices will be relocated to the Parkhurst School in September 2013. The Central Office move to Parkhurst will free up space at the Lynch School for an additional three to four classrooms as well.

Since the beginning, the planning to construct a new VO School has included, as a major component, the process of redistricting the elementary school attendance boundaries. It is anticipated that the redistricting will impact all five elementary schools. In order to plan effectively for this redistricting I am creating a Redistricting Committee. The Committee will act in an advisory capacity and make recommendations to me for redistricting changes. In turn I will make recommendations for redistricting to the School Committee and they will make final decisions.

The Redistricting Committee will be composed of: the Superintendent of Schools, the Director of Finance, Elementary School Principals, one parent representative from each of the five elementary schools, one member of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council, and School Committee representation.

It is expected that the first Committee meeting will be held no later than the first week in November and continue its work (meeting approximately twice a month or more if necessary) until final recommendations are forwarded by the Superintendent to the School Committee in May or June.

If you are interested in serving as a parent member of this Committee please send a notice of your interest by email to me at wmcalduff@winchester.k12.ma.us no later than Tuesday October 18th. I will inform those who have been appointed to the Committee by October 21st.

I thank you for your interest and look forward to hearing from you.